

Dunellen Shade Tree Committee

Minutes for August 26, 2015

Attendance: Ken, Sue, and Cate

Topics: Street Fair and Harvest Festival

Street Fair – Sunday, September 13th 7am to 4 pm

7am to 11am: Ken and Cate

11am to 3pm: Sue, Rob and Erica also Ken will help breakdown at 3pm

Cate and Sue to supply 6 foot long tables. Ken has 2 folding chairs and will ask Cindy to borrow her shade tent. Ken will look into purchasing a shade tent for future events that will have DSTC across the front flap. Table will include informational materials, give away items and signup sheets.

Ken will purchase a potted tree for display – try to get a red bud which is the seedlings the kids will be planting

Activity for the kids will be making pots out of newspaper or brown paper and planning seedlings.

Materials needed include:

Galvanized Tin with potting soil and paper lunch bags – Cate

Pot maker and paper – Sue

Seedlings, garden gloves, small shovels, peat pots - Ken

Harvest Festival – Sunday, October 11th 7am to 4pm

We would like to handle it the same as Street Fair. Hopefully we will drum up some interest and can have volunteers start at the Festival.

Tree List (following two pages)

Sue you are going to look at the trees Cate listed below to confirm if they should be removed by Sunday 8/30. Let Ken know of the change in status so he can inform DPW.

Also – please try to find new members – we are short two!!

Below is a list of trees which were scheduled to be trimmed or removed by the DPW and Heron. Cate had noticed some inconsistencies and concerns. Sue will double check Cate's list within a week and get back to Ken ASAP to talk with DPW.

*******Highlighted addresses need to be looked into immediately before action takes place!**

800 Dunellen Avenue – There are 2 trees at this site - not sure removal is necessary.

800a – 1 tree – leaf spot diseased.

625 First Street – needs only a trim. Don't see why DPW cannot handle with a bucket truck – doesn't need to be outsourced. 621 could use the same as well as tree directly across the street at the park (Moorecraft)

624 Dunellen Avenue – needs to be REMOVED not trimmed.

337 Dunellen Avenue – removal or trim????

500 Mountain View Terrace – removal of diseased ash tree

133 Third Street – WHY are we removing this tree. 1 dead branch – possible decay in middle of tree.

120 Second Street – 2 trees to be removed. Why?

120 Jackson – 2 trees to be removed: #1 tree(front yard) and #3 tree (second tree on left side on First Street) #2 tree should be trimmed.

222 Jackson – remove

227 Prospect – removed and stump remains.

263 Whittier Avenue – NO REASON this tree should be removed. 2 branches need to be trimmed.

312 and 320 Lincoln Avenue – on list for removal. Why do these trees need to be removed?

436 Third Street was removed and ground down

Additional trees:

417 Jefferson – Trim or remove??

418 North Washington Avenue (DeMarco's) tree on Second Street - dead

509 and 514 North Washington need to be trimmed. - **** I think it very important that the entrances into the Boro should be maintained consistently.

501 North Washington Avenue (George Dean's house) diseased tree – Needs to be treated

720 - North Washington Avenue – Corner of Mountain View Terrace – Has a leaf disease and a couple of the main branches are bare. I think this should be removed.

South Washington and Orange Street – tree on corner needs to be trimmed immediately. It has a large dead branch.
*** Important to take care of this immediately because it is the main thoroughfare to Columbia Park and gets an extremely large number of people walking past it.

702 Lincoln Avenue – sugar maple on side yard needs branch trimmed.

703 Lincoln Avenue – 5th tree in front going left to right needs to be trimmed.

401 Madison Avenue – tree on side yard (First Street) is dead.

817 Dunellen Avenue – looks sickly (Ken spoke with DPW and this tree will be removed)

441 First Street – dead tree

125 Second Street – needs trim

112 Second Street – needs to be trimmed

332 Second Street – needs removal

450 Fourth Street needs to be added to list ASAP for removal.

371 Whittier needs to be removed immediately.

New Trees:

223 Front Street - Peter Mendez 732-310-7969 – Would like a tree in his front yard but would like it placed away from his sewer line. Also talked about 219 Front Street tree has a wire that is growing into the tree. Previous owners placed a wire to straighten the tree. Have not checked this out yet.

Certified Tree Expert: Still need a CTE on staff. Cate will call around to area Shade Tree Committees to see who their CTE is in the hopes of getting someone on board.